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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 YONG FENG WU,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR22-0048-JCC-2

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to seal Exhibit A of his
16 sentencing memorandum. (Dkt. No. 95.) While the public has a common law right to inspect and
17 copy public records, including those from judicial proceedings, these rights are not absolute.
18 They must yield when (1) sealing a document serves a compelling interest, (2) that is
19 substantially likely to be harmed if the document is not sealed, and (3) there are no less
20 restrictive alternatives for protecting the interest. *See United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991, 998
21 (9th Cir. 2017). Given the nature of the information contained in the exhibit at issue, these
22 criteria are met here. Accordingly, the motion to seal (Dkt. No. 95) is GRANTED and the Clerk
23 is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 96 under seal.

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1 DATED this 20th day of May 2024.
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE